

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo

COUNCILORS: Elaine Rodriguez
David Ulibarri, Jr.
Michael Montoya
David Romero

ALSO PRESENT: William Taylor, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Scott Aaron, City Attorney
Adrian Crespín, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Rodriguez thanked all First Responders and medical employees for all their hard work in helping the community during this time of Covid-19, she also thanked the Mayor, City Council and City employees for providing the community with services needed at this time. She hoped that 2021 would be a brighter year in moving forward to help our citizens.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez made a recommendation of moving Executive Session before Business Items one and two if Council had questions regarding the union contracts.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo advised that all were in favor, the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

City Clerk Fresquez advised there was no Public Input.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Trujillo presented Brielle Gallegos with a recognition on behalf of himself as Mayor of the City of Las Vegas along with the Governing Body for her act of kindness and generosity of donating much needed blankets to the community.

City Manager Taylor added that she inspired Rotary Club members to also donate blankets and thanked her for her generous donation.

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Montoya informed of the positive feedback received from the community regarding the free Northern New Mexico Transit transportation program. He advised that an MOU for maintaining the Gallinas Riverwalk park was in the works with The Friends of the Gallinas River.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Taylor informed of projects taking place as follows:

1. Las Vegas Senior Center Closure (due to Covid-19)
2. City of Las Vegas Curfew Extended (through January 15, 2020)
3. Covid Safety Team
4. City of Las Vegas Fire Dept.-Ambulance Service Contract
5. Carnegie Library/Museum Repairs- To include in ICIP
6. Cares Act Pan-Complete

PRESENTATIONS

Deputy Chief Kenneth Stumberg gave a detailed presentation in regards to providing information on the possible purchase and installation of live feed cameras throughout the City of Las Vegas and their benefit for fighting crime and improving public safety.

Lengthy discussion and questions took place regarding quantity of cameras needed, placement of cameras, costs, ACLU (Civil Liberties), visibility, affordability and partnership with businesses for funding of cameras.

Police Chief Adrian Crespín gave a detailed presentation regarding updated policies and procedures for the Las Vegas Police Department. Standards and best practices that are promulgated by the New Mexico Law Enforcement Professional Standard Council. He advised that the LVPD was recently accredited for the next three years.

Brief discussion and questions took place regarding public access to the LVPD Policies and Procedures on the City's website.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Jesus Baquera presented the Finance Report for the month ending November 30, 2020, reporting General Fund revenues at 45%, expenditures at 36% and surplus was \$213,000. He advised the Enterprise Funds revenue was 36%, expenditures were 30% and surplus was \$216,000. Recreation Department revenue came in at 37%, expenditures at 34% and surplus was \$14,000.

Mr. Baquera reported the Lodgers Tax revenue at 135%, expenditures at 16% and surplus was \$107,000. He stated the City had received 2.4 million dollars from the Cares Act on Monday and that the recent City Auction brought in a total of \$104,292.00.

Mayor Trujillo asked if there were any concerns that should be addressed to the Governing Body regarding the Finance Report.

He reported to the Governing Body that the exit conference with the auditor had been completed.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Mary Romero, Dominic Chavez and the Finance staff for all their hard work in providing the information to DFA and the auditors.

Councilor Montoya stated for the record, he did attend the exit conference and that the Council would soon know the outcome of the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consideration of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4625 agreement.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that Fire Chief Billy Montoya had an emergency and could not present the item as planned and that Human Resource Department Director Donna Castro would be presenting.

Ms. Castro advised that the City of Las Vegas entered into contract negotiations with IAFF for the purpose of negotiating a new contract through December 2021. The International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4625 has ratified and approved the collective bargaining agreement. She stated that there was an error on the agenda request regarding an incorrect total cost of salary increases showing \$30,140.00 and was actually \$26,044.00.

Discussion and questions took place regarding educational pay, compensation and a 2020 pay rate study.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4625 agreement. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Romero	Yes
Elaine Rodriguez	Yes	David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Consideration of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2851 Agreement.

Human Resource Director Castro advised that the City of Las Vegas had completed contract negotiations for 2020-21 with AFSCME Local 2851. AFSCME Local 2851. She advised that AFSCME Local 2851 had submitted their letter of ratification after approving the agreement.

Discussion and questions took place regarding negotiations of increment pay increase to .075, receiving increment pay every fiscal year vs. anniversary date and planning negotiations for new year beginning January 2021.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the consideration of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2851 Agreement. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Elaine Rodriquez	Yes	David Romero	Yes
Michael Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Brief Council on staff recommendations concerning ICIP Capital Outlay requests for the purpose of prioritization for 2021 legislative session.

Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson advised that the City of Las Vegas Department Directors have prepared recommendations for Mayor and Council's consideration.

Mayor Trujillo made a statement regarding masks, that everyone needed to make sure to wear masks and to wear them properly. He stated they should cover their nose as well when speaking and added that in this day and age, you cannot be too safe.

Lengthy discussion and questions took place regarding the process of ranking of projects that would be considered for the ICIP plan, recommendation to continue to acquire funding for maintenance equipment, legislative funding availability and the importance of prioritizing projects as a community. Also discussed was the renovation of the old City Hall building and other issues related to the ICIP ranking.

Mayor Trujillo advised he would be conducting a roundtable discussion with community members that lobby for legislative funding in order to have a plan for the needed projects of the community. He also stated that they needed to look into changing the timeline of reviewing the ICIP plan and that a Special Meeting needed to be scheduled at the end of December to discuss and re-prioritize the ICIP plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Romero made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Elaine Rodriguez	Yes	David Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Romero made a motion to exit Executive Session and reconvene into Regular Session and advised that only personnel matters were discussed and no votes were taken. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Elaine Rodriguez	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes
David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Councilor Montoya made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

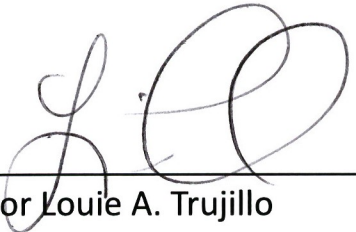
David Romero
Michael Montoya

Yes
Yes

David Ulibarri, Jr.
Elaine Rodriquez

Yes
Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk